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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC		
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1.	This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.		
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Box No. I Basis of the report	
<p>1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)) <input type="checkbox"/> publication of the international application (Rule 12.4) <input type="checkbox"/> international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)</p>	
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<p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____ <input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____ <input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____</p>	
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Box No. II Priority

1. This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the failure to furnish within the prescribed time limit the requested:
 - copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(a)).
 - translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(b)).
2. This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rule 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this report, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
3. Additional observations, if necessary:
 1. The claimed priority appears to be valid. In consequence, the 'P' and 'X' documents cited in the international search report have not been taken into account as prior art.

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 39(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-6</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Claims	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-6</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Claims	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-6</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Claims	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
<p>1. The present application concerns a method for the production of A hydroxylation catalyst consisting of a cytochrome P450 monooxygenase (CYP), in particular of <i>bacillus megaterium</i>, embedded in a sol-gel matrix and a NADPH regeneration system and the use thereof for the hydroxylation of substrates, in particular of β-lonon.</p> <p>2. Reference is made to the following documents (the documents are numbered in their order of appearance in the international search report):</p> <p>D1 : IWUOHA, EMMANUEL I. ET AL: "Reactivities of organic phase biosensors 3: electrochemical study of cytochrome P450_{cam} immobilized in a methyltriethoxysilane sol-gel", ELECTROANALYSIS, 12(12), 980-986 CODEN: ELANEU; ISSN: 1040-0397, 2000, XP009034944</p> <p>D2: GILL IQBAL ECKERT HELLMUT (AV.-PROP.) ET AL: CHEMISTRY OF MATERIALS, 13(10), 3404-3421, 261 REFS. ISSN: 0897-4756, 2001, XP002291608.</p>		
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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement

3. D1 describes a cytochrome P450 monooxygenase (cytochrome P450_{cam}) which is immobilised on a methyltriethoxysilane sol-gel system and can be used as a biosensor for, for example, camphor (D2 refers to the system described in D1).

The system disclosed in D1 does not concern a hydroxylation catalyst. Moreover, the biosensor according to D1 does not work with a NADPH regeneration system but is electrochemically regenerated on an electrode surface.

Thus, a hydroxylation catalyst consisting of a cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, which is embedded in a sol-gel matrix which also contains an enzymatic NADPH regeneration system, as well as the method for producing said catalyst are novel over the prior art (PCT Article 33(2)).

Moreover, the claimed subject matter appears to satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33(3) since neither D1 nor D2 mentions alternative regeneration options for the cytochrome P450 monooxygenase and it cannot automatically be assumed that an enzymatic NADPH regeneration system embedded in a sol-gel matrix can perform the required regeneration of the monooxygenase.